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2Cor.5:17 "Old things are passed away; behold they are become new."

Intro. New application of text.--

"If any man is in Christ, he is a new creatu re

No man today need to be a new creature in X to see that the old things are passed away.

I. The Old World has passed away.

Ill. The boy asked why lightning never struck in the same place. "Because where the lightning strikes the fritst time there aint no same place left."

The world has been struck so forcibly by the jug judgments of God because of the sins of the nations it ss no longer the same world, nor can it ever be the same again.

1. A shaken world.

Like S.F. after the earthquake and fire.

Kingdoms and empires fallen; institutions tottering; whole peoples torn asunder and laid low.

Custons, beliefs, and teachings of ages crushed beneath the tanks of judgment.

2. It is a suffering world.

A. John R.Mott's testimony.

1. Postapl card from Bohemia.

352 hospital wards. 15,000 patients

2. At Moscow.

1200 military hospitals. During preceding four months, 400,000 shattered bodies had passed thru them.

3.In a German hospital.

The Jewish surgeon sh owed Mott the effects of shrapnel,high-powered explosives, sword-bayonets, lances.

He saw the victims of tetanus, gas-gangrene, and liquid fire.

4.The shattered nerves.

5.The suffering of hearts in every home.

3.It is an embittered world.

a. Hymns of Hate . Widespread

b. Read the Unbeliever's poem.

He saw the truth at least from one clear

whole
lpoint of view.--the trouble was not due to Christ, but to the lack of Christ.

II. What influences are going to shape the New World?
If Xty is to dominate, what notes must the Church sound forth? The Truth both timeless and timely.
1. Sound the note of Faith.
Must believe in the possibilities of a new and better civilization.
Standards and ideals of X must prevail.
Made obligatory upon nations as wellas upon individuals.
Must believe in the Power od God to gring it about
A royal personage asked,"How is the war to be ended?" "God must work a miracle".
We repeat together,"I believe in God the Father Almighty." Do we?
~~"Thy will be done"~~
2. Sound the note of prayer.
Such a liracle cannot be performed except by the prayer of all Christendom.
"Thy will be donn".
Fallacy: because God is all-wise and all- good we dont need to pray.
On the contrary, the goodness and wisdom of God were the foundation of Christ's praying.
The two fallacies.
1. The purpose of prayer to secure from God by begging, to get God to do what we want him to.
Prayer is not an overcoming of God's reluctance but a laying hold of His highest willingness. Not the overcoming of God's will, but the the giving of God's will a right of way within ourselves.
Not a doing something for God, but letting God do what He has planned to do thru us.
2.The other fallacey,that God being

wisdom and goodness can do all He will regardless of any help from us.

God cannot do some things unless men think and work. Bridges, tunnels, churches, schools, musical instruments, harness the lightnings, raise crpos of grain and fruit.

Much of the plans of God depend upon man's thi nking and praying.

Prayer is one of the three forms of man's co-operation with God. Some things God cant do except thru praying men.

It is going to take the praying of earnest Xns as well as their thinking and working to enable God to perform this, his greatest miracle of all-the ending of war forever and the bringing about a League of the Nations.

3The church must sound the note of Love.

a.How the early Xns were observed to love one another.
"Behold, how these Xns love one another."

b. Before Am. and Roumania entered the war.

Protestants
46 million on one side
45 " on the other

Catholics
62 millions on one side
63 millions on the other

Greek Catholics
110,000 on the one side
against a few thousands from Turkish India and Bulgaria.

c. We should demonstrate the Love of God even tho we are at war.

1. We should pray for our enemies and be willing to forgive them .

2.We should guard our tongues against saying anything that will hurt or offend our German citizenship.

3.We should not allow the temporary struggle to blind us to the worth and goodness of enemy peoples.